(c) whether the tea production per hectare of land in Assam is decreasing every year during the last three years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) There is no information about illegal occupation of Central Government Lands by Tea gardens.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Tea Gardens

3218. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tea gardens owned by the Union Government;

(b) the locations of those gardens alongwith their size and the total quantity of productions of each tea gardens during each of the last three years;

(c) whether only a few gardens are earning profits, while a large number of other tea gardens are incurring losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, garden-wise; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Requisite information in respect of tea garden owned by Central Public Sector Undertakings is attached as Statement.

(c) to (e) In so far as gardens owned by Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd. are concerned, all the five gardens have been incurring losses on account of management problems, lack of funds with the Corporation for undertaking developmental activities in the gardens etc. In view of the consistent losses, it has been decided to dispose of all the five gardens owned by TTCI through outright sale.

As regards gardens owned by M/s. Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd., only one tea garden viz. Hoolungooree tea estate has been incurring losses during the last three consecutive years. Steps have been taken by the management of M/s Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd. to make the garden viable by undertaking developmental activities such as extension planting, replanting, rejuvenation etc.

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Details of tea gardens owned by the central public sector undertakings

S.No.	Name of the Tea Gardens with location	Planted Area (Hectares)	Production (Million kgs)		
			1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(A)	**Gardens under Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd.**				
1.	Pathini Tea Estate, Karimgani Distt., Assam.	810.83	0.46	0.33	0.20
2.	Lookaan Tea Estate, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.	417.70	0.48	0.44	0.42
3.	Pashok Tea Estate, Darjeeling, West Bengal.	305.70	0.13	0.09	0.04
4.	Vah Tukvar Tea Estate, Darjeeling, West Bengal.	197.08	0.06	0.05	0.01
5.	Potong Tea Estate, Darjeeling, West Bengal	138.44	0.06	0.05	0.08

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(B)	**Gardens under Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd.**				
1.	Banarhat Tea Estate, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.	630.59	0.99	0.92	1.02
2.	Choonabhutti, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.	401.80	0.07	0.05	0.06
3.	Karballa, Tea Estate, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.	753.67	1.38	1.26	1.32
4.	New Dooars Tea Estate, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.	784.01	1.26	1.12	1.18
5.	Mim Tea Estate, Darjeeling, West Bengal.	177.15	0.09	0.09	0.01
6.	Desam Tea Estate, Dibrugarh, Assam.	477.97	0.85	0.82	0.66
7.	Khowang Tea Estate, Dibrugarh, Assam.	995.95	1.76	1.81	1.58
8.	Basmatia Tea Estate, Dibrugarh, Assam.	270.26	0.64	0.62	0.60
9.	Rajgarh Tea Estate, Dibrugarh, Assam.	282.99	0.47	0.47	0.42
10.	Tinkong Tea Estate, Dibrugarh, Assam.	501.16	0.91	0.94	0.84
11.	Hoolungooree Tea Estate, Jorhat, Assam.	403.34	0.39	0.32	0.37
12.	Murphulani Tea Estate, Jorhat, Assam.	330.52	0.36	0.32	0.41

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

3219. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the weavers are fighting for survival in the country particularly in Meerut ;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Under the various programmes being implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, no specific instances of Khadi weavers fighting for survival either from Meerut or from any other part of the country, have come to notice of KVIC.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a).

Sodhani Committee on Investment From NRI'S

3220. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved some of the recommendations of the Sodhani Committee on Investment from NRI overseas corporate bodies and persons of Indian origin;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines in this regard have been issued;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent it is likely to be helpful for encouraging the foreign investment in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINACE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) A number of recommendations made by the Working Group set up by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to look into various